

Southwest Region/Iron County Quality Improvement Committee

Meeting Dates:	April 28, 2010 May 26, 2010 June 30, 2010	Review and Action Plan	Follow-up
Dash Board Items:	CPS Intake/Referrals		
	Membership		
	Action Plan Objective: Parental Drug Abuse	<p>A: Destry will meet with Julie Steele in May to obtain more information and get clarification regarding the DEC Forums.</p> <p>M: Helen will confirm that Safety Solutions can help out with food for the DEC Forum and the location. Destry will secure a date and time.</p> <p>J: Flyers have been made for the DEC Forum and will be arriving. QIC members were assigned specific individuals in the community to take the invitation/flyer to. This will be done as soon as the flyers arrive. Susan will distribute the flyers to the committee members.</p>	<p>M: Destry met with Julie Steele and the outcome was a better understanding of what we hope to accomplish by holding the DEC Forum in Iron County.</p> <p>J: Helen has secured the Heritage Center for the DEC Forum and the date will be August 18th from 12 to 2</p>
	Action Plan Objective: Workload Reduction / Worker Retention and Recognition		

	Action Plan Objective: Resource Family Support	<p>A: QIC proposed that we use some of our remaining funds to purchase a book, Dare to Love by Heather Forbes. This is a good book for training and a way of recognition. Destry will see if that can be an approve expenditure.</p> <p>A: May is FP Appreciation Month and Amy proposed that a letter of appreciation be drafted by the QIC and sent to local FP's. Stephanie, Gwen and Shandra will collaborate on this project.</p>	M: The book purchase for Foster Parents in Iron County and surrounding area was approve. The books were purchased, arrived and distributed since our last meeting. The letter of appreciation was also created and sent out to Foster Parents from the QIC and accompanied the book, Dare to Love.
Public Relations:	Action Plan Objective: Public Perception	<p>M: Gwen informed the committee that June has been designated National Reunification month and she intends to organize a story to be in the Iron County Today paper.</p> <p>J: Amy informed the group that in light of some of the negative attention that has been focused on LE, DCFS, and the County Attorney over the last month she has submitted an article to the Spectrum telling from her perspective what it is like for caseworkers to do the job they are asked to do.</p>	J: Kudos was given to Gwen for the article that ran in the Iron County Today this month regarding Reunification day.
Studies:		A: Discussion regarding why we review data and how the data has increased member's understanding of the system.	
CPS Issues:		M: The issue of repeat maltreatment was brought up. There are many factors which influence whether a case shows up as repeat maltreatment and it seems that some cases are identified as such but really are not what the spirit of the assessment was meant to capture. Different examples were discussed. Destry will pull data for the QIC regarding this issue and it will be discussed at our next meeting.	J: Destry shared his findings of the research he has completed on cases identified as repeat maltreatment for Iron County. Destry will continue to research and comb through the cases to help the QIC better understand the factors influencing this data.
QCR Participation:			
Fatality Review:			

<p>Other Business:</p>		<p>A: Gwen and Mark will attend the State QIC meeting in May along with Destry.</p> <p>J: It was announced that Michelle Bryant has joined the Cedar Foster Care team replacing Shannon who recently left.</p> <p>J: Destry provided information and training material regarding the Legislative changes which will or have gone into effect this year.</p>	<p>M: Destry was the only one who was able to attend the State Quarterly QIC in SLC on May 12th. He brought back information provided by Blake Jones regarding Citizen Review Panels. Destry shared that these types of groups struggle with similar issues all across the nation but also achieve positive outcome which result in changes to the system of care.</p>
<p>DATA Review</p>		<p>A: QIC reviewed state data regarding "Average Months in Care for Children Exiting by Goal" Destry was asked to obtain the statistics for the permanency status of children exiting care in Iron County.</p> <p>J: CFSR Data was reviewed and shared with the QIC. Lots of positive outcomes were noted.</p>	<p>M: Due to the meeting going longer the Data for permanency status at the time of case closure will be reviewed at our next meeting.</p> <p>J: Destry provided the data regarding permanency goals at the time of case closure for children exiting care. It was interesting that last year Cedar City had a larger percentage of adoptions than reunifications. Factors influencing this were discussed.</p>